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Q: COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE NORWEGIAN STATE RADIO STORY FROM NEW YORK TO THE AFFECT THAT THE US SEES NO PROBLEM WITH THE PENDING NORWEGIAN-SOVIET AGREEMENT FOR A TEMPORARY "GREY ZONE" FOR FISHERIES?

A: THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT IS A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NORWAY AND THE USSR. THE US DOES NOT BELIEVE IT APPROPRIATE TO COMMENT ON SUCH BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN A NATO ALLY AND A THIRD COUNTRY.

Q: WHAT IS THE US POSITION ON THE ULTIMATE LOCATION OF THE NORWEGIAN-SOVIET BOUNDARY?

A: THE BOUNDARY MATTER IS A BILATERAL ISSUE ON WHICH US

COMMENT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE.

Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE US JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF HAVE DISCUSSED THE FISHERIES AGREEMENT AND HAVE SAID THEY HAVE NO OBJECTIONS TO IT FROM A MILITARY STRATEGIC POINT OF VIEW.

A: THE AGREEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN FORMALLY DISCUSSED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS NOR HAVE THEY EVER COMMENTED PUBLICALLY ABOUT IT. VANCE

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